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New Jersey Cranberry Production Forecast Down 28 Percent in 2002

New Jersey expects a crop of 410,000 barrels, down 28 percent from 2001 and 16 percent below two years ago. Growers reported bloom, fruit set, and fruit size to be mostly average. No significant weather damage was reported.

The **United States** forecast for the 2002 cranberry crop is 5.72 million barrels, up 7 percent from 2001 and less than 1 percent above 2000. New Jersey is the only state forecasting a decrease in production from a year ago. The cranberry industry has no restrictive marketing order in effect for the 2002 cranberry crop unlike the 2001 and 2000 seasons when growers were restricted on the amount of processing berries that could be sold. Under last season's order, growers could only sell 65 percent of their historic average sales to the processors. These restrictions applied to all five of the major cranberry producing states. Due to the lack of the marketing restrictions in 2002, some growers increased acreage. This increased acreage, combined with good growing conditions in most states, has resulted in the higher cranberry production.

Cranberries: Production, 2000 - 2002

STATE	2000	2001	2002 ^{1/} Forecast
<i>Barrels^{2/}</i>			
Massachusetts	1,953,000	1,416,000	1,780,000
New Jersey	489,000	566,000	410,000
Oregon	398,000	365,000	455,000
Washington	180,000	142,000	168,000
Wisconsin	2,692,000	2,840,000	2,907,000
U.S.	5,712,000	5,329,000	5,720,000

^{1/} Current year production is forecast as of mid-August assuming normal conditions for the remainder of the growing season.

^{2/} Standard weight used for one barrel of cranberries is 100 pounds.

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New Jersey Cranberry Production - 2001

Cranberry production in New Jersey during 2001 was 566,000 barrels, 16 percent above 2000's output. Harvested acres decreased from 3,700 acres in 2000 to 3,100 acres in 2001. New Jersey's cranberry yield per acre in 2001 averaged 182.6 barrels. The average price per barrel increased from \$15.90 in 2000 to \$19.30 in 2001. The total value of production increased by 7 percent from 2000 to \$7,952,000.

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